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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO POLICE REPORTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. Chapter 52D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4       "§52D- Request for copy of closing report by surviving  
5 immediate family member. (a) A surviving immediate family  
6 member of a victim of any of the following offenses shall be  
7 allowed access to a copy of the closing report prepared by the  
8 investigating police department, upon the conclusion of all  
9 criminal and civil proceedings that arose from the offense:

10       (1) Murder in the first degree, section 707-701;

11       (2) Murder in the second degree, section 707-701.5; or

12       (3) Manslaughter, section 707-702.

13       (b) This section shall not diminish the ability of a  
14 surviving immediate family member or any other person to request  
15 a copy of any other portion of a police report or any other  
16 government record.

17       (c) As used in this section:



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1        "Closing report" means the final report or similar summary  
2        of the investigation that is prepared by the assigned police  
3        detective in the normal course of investigating the offense.

4        "Surviving immediate family member" means a person who is a  
5        surviving grandparent, parent, sibling, spouse or reciprocal  
6        beneficiary, child, or legal guardian of a deceased victim.

7        "Victim" means a person against whom any of the offenses  
8        enumerated in subsection (a) was committed."

9        SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10       matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11       begun before its effective date.

12       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Police Reports; Access; Murder and Manslaughter Offenses

**Description:**

Allows surviving immediate family members of murder or manslaughter victims to access a copy of the closing report prepared by the investigating police department, upon the conclusion of all criminal and civil proceedings that arose from the offense.

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